

House Bill 563 Committee,

I am contacting you in response to your current discussion relative to the proposed House Bill 563 legislation supporting short-term rentals. Let me explain why this is a terrible idea and why I am absolutely against all forms of short-term rentals ("bed & breakfasts", Airbnb, etc.) in Ohio Townships. In one year alone, Symmes Township now has approximately 18 short-term rentals and no reported positive experiences from the permanent next-door neighbors. Our Hamilton County Sheriff receives complaint calls pertaining to these short-term rental properties for noise (beyond our restricted hours), trash, and even leering into next door backyards at children on playsets. The Symmes Township Airbnb's are replacing long-term family residents with short-term chaos and quickly eroding the neighborhood fabric. This short-term rental problem is the most dangerous urban planning issue that I have experienced in my entire 14 years of service as a Symmes Township Trustee.

If you would like to discuss, I am a phone call away (513-535-3885). On behalf of Symmes Township, I am respectfully requesting that you do not support short-term rentals... they have proven themselves to be detrimental to all but a very few landlord owners who profit without even living in the township.

Very Respectfully,
-Phil Beck
Symmes Township Trustee